नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका परिषद की मुख्य सीवर लाईन समुचित रूप से कार्य कर रही है। संचार मंत्रालय, जिसके अंतर्गत डाक-तार कालोनी कालीबाड़ी मार्ग का अनुरक्षण आता हैं, ने भी सूचित किया हैं कि कालोनी की सीवर लाइनों में गत एक माह के दौरान कोई अवरोध नहीं आया हैं।

Repealing Urban Land Ceiling Act, 1976

2165. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Assemblies which have adopted resolutions endorsing the Ordinance to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act, 1976;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to *(a)* The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, '1976 which was applicable in 12 States and 3 Union Territories stands repealed in the States of Haryana, Punjab and all Union Territories with effect from 11.1.99. Government have no information regarding adoption of the Repeal Ordinance by other States.

Delhi The Dark City

2166. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items appearing in the Times of India, dated the 14th February, 1999 captioned 'Delhi the dark; city of the new millennium";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so as to save Delhi from alarming ills of crime, pollution and overcrowding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is seriously concerned about all the issues. It is taking necessary steps towards gearing up its machinery to effectively tackle and improve both water and electricity supply. It is also marking concerted efforts to control vehicular pollution as also the traffic congestion. Steps have been taken towards creating public awareness as well.

MRTS Threat to Historic Monument in Delhi

2167. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mass Rapid Transit System's underground route from Central Secretariat to Delhi University Campus poses a serious threat to historic monuments such as Jantar Mantar and Kashmeri Gate;

(b) whether Government had received any representation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Two representations: one from Mr. A.K. Nagi of Delhi another from M/s Unitech of Delhi were received in which objections to the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) alignment passing close to Jantar Mantar Monument, Kashmerigate Monument, and City Wall were raised. Apprehensions were expressed in these representations that construction of MRTS structures in close